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SBA News

Rumors have been heard that the recent revised examination schedule was the result of the Student Bar Association lobbying the Administration on behalf of a few students who had poor examination schedules based on the original schedule. Because a rumor such as this impugns the SBA, we feel obligated to dispel this rumor.

The SBA began working on behalf of all students to change the examination policy in July, 1991. We requested that examination schedules be published concurrently with the class schedule. In the alternative, we requested that the examination conflict policy at least be changed to define exams within 24 hours of each other as a conflict.

The faculty granted our alternative request in October. To assist in implementing the positive changes as soon as practicable, Dean Morgan asked all of those concerned to attempt to rewrite the Fall, 1991 examination schedule reflecting the new examination conflict policy. The new schedule reflects this policy.

As with any policy, some people fare worse than others. Overall, this conflict policy is in the best interests of all students. The SBA did not petition Dean Morgan on behalf of any student. Rest assured that the SBA will continue to press for the publication of examination schedules concurrently with the class schedules.

If you have particular concerns that we can address, please let us know.

SBA Board of Directors

Parking Notice

To accomodate law students with 6:00 classess, Auxiliary Enterprises will now open Lot B at 5:45. The attendant will hold 2 spaces for employees returning to the lot. The administration requests that students do not wait at the entrance to the lot before 5:45.

Notes from the Assistant Dean

Exam Update: Tuesday, December 3, is Make Up Day for Fall, and no scheduled classes meet. Consult your professors to see if classes have been scheduled for that day. Friday, December 6, is the last day of classes. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday are the Reading Period, and on Tuesday, December 10, Exams begin. For those of you who have been buried in your books, don't forget to bring your school ID and fee card to the third floor reception area and pick up your exam number ***before*** exams begin.

Library Holiday Hours: On December 30, Library hours are 7 am to 11 pm, but on *New Year's Eve* Library hours will be 7 am to 6 pm.

Litigation, Spring 1992: Resumes and bio sketches for adjunct faculty teaching Litigation in the Spring Semester are on reserve in the Library at the circulation desk.

Help for the Legal Profession: The State Bar of Georgia offers assistance to law students for personal problems which may impact their studies and future law practice. Under their Lawyer Assistance Program, law students may receive an assessment and short-term counseling on such issues as stress, depression, marital problems, alcohol and drug problems, anxiety, and the like. The service is completely confidential and is in no way connected to the Disciplinary Board of the Office of Bar Admissions.

The office is located at State Bar headquarters, 45 Edgewood Avenue, Suite 800. For further information, call Debby Elzea at 527-8799.

Jacqueline A. St. Germain

Highlights of the 11/14 SBA Meeting

Library Committee: Student suggestions will be addressed by the faculty committee in 1992.

Budgets: Allen Turnage requested that the SBA budget be published in The Docket, along with a description of how the budgetary process works.

Commencement Speaker: Proposed speakers include Lamar Alexander, Morris Dees, Jimmy Carter, Billy Payne, and Griffin Bell. The SBA took an informal vote and recommends that Morris Dees be asked to speak.

Constitutional/By-Law Amendments: SBA members have been asked to review the proposed amendments and give comments back to the drafting committee in preparation for taking the amendments before the Student Body at the next election.

Bookstore: The SBA Bookstore has done well and will continue next semester. The Docket gives the dates for accepting books for sale next semester. Concern was expressed regarding what to do with abandoned books. The consensus was disposal/recycling.

Law School's 10th Anniversary: Dean St. Germaine has received a letter from Dean Girth asking her to establish an advisory group which will act over the next two months to suggest events for the Law School's 10th Anniversary. From this core group, a full advisory committee will be appointed to carry the suggestions into action. Volunteers are to be solicited from among SBA representatives and members of other Student Organizations. Pam Sullivan volunteered to represent the SBA on the Committee.

January 1992 Hooding Ceremony: Plans are proceeding for the January 1992 Hooding Ceremony, according to Dean St. Germain.

Spring Class Schedule: The Spring schedule apparently leaves only 1 elective that does not conflict with required 1st and 2nd year classes. Dean Morgan is aware of the problem.

VITA Committee Report: Kristen Van der Linde reported that she has been unable to contact the VITA National representative, but will continue her efforts.

Next Meeting: There will be no regularly scheduled SBA meeting in December. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 16, 1992 at **4:00** p.m. in Room 325A. Note that this will be an extended meeting devoted to By-Law changes. All interested students are encouraged to attend.

Organization Budgets For 1991-1992

Activating Awareness for Choice and Equality	$300
Association of Women Law Students	$500
Black Law Students Association	$3400
Delta Theta Phi	$700
Environmental Law Society	$900
International and Comparative Law Society	$3500
Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association	$300
National Association for Public Interest Law	$100
National Lawyers Guild	$500
Phi Alpha Delta	$200
Phi Delta Phi	$500
Student Trial Lawyers Association	$6000
Student Bar Association*	$15,000
TOTAL	$32,100

* The amount allocated to the SBA includes the Barrister's Ball, Honors Breakfast, Hooding Ceremony, officers' travel expenses and telephone expenses.

Due to the upcoming semester break, *The Docket* will not be published in January. The next issue will be distributed at the beginning of February (the deadline for articles is January 25). The staff of *The Docket* would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Happy Holidays!

The False Environmentalism of Paper Cups

It has come to my attention that there have been complaints about the use of styrofoam cups by the SBA in its coffee service as well as by Sands (in whatever the new name of the cafeteria is). This concern seems to be based on the notion that styrofoam is the product of the devil (or at least some equivalent entity such as DuPont) and that paper cups are infinitely preferable to this non-biodegradable, non-recyclable scourge of the planet which is causing our ozone to be depleted and our landfills to overflow.

Neither of these concerns has much merit. although most styrofoam is indeed produced with CFCs as a step in the process, styrofoam cups that do not use CFCs are widely available and are becoming more prominent. If the SBA is not using such cups, perhaps it would be wise for them to switch, Besides, CFC pollution from styrofoam manufacture is infinitesimal compared to the major source of CFC contamination, which is air conditioning and refrigeration units and until very recently (at least in most of the rest of the world) aerosol cans.

Paper production, on the other hand, is an extremely polluting process both for the air and the water, as anyone who has been to Savannah, Rome or Jacksonville knows. Paper mills in Georgia are by far the biggest single industrial polluters in the state. Paper production takes up to twenty times as much water as styrofoam production and results in the creation of chemicals such as dioxins, which may or may not be some of the most toxic chemicals known to man.

As for the landfilling of styrofoam, it is simply not true that styrofoam is not recyclable or that it is worse than paper in a landfill. The confusion seems to arise in the difference between whether something is recycled rather than recyclable. Unfortunately, neither paper nor styrofoam cups are recycled extensively. Therefore, both usually end up in a landfill where a paper cup will take up just as much room as a styrofoam one.

It can even be argued that styrofoam is preferable in landfills because it is so inert. As paper breaks down in a landfill (and it does so very slowly) methane gas is released, one of the greatest pollution concerns from a sanitary landfill. Styrofoam will simply remain in the ground as it was placed there, neither degrading not producing noxious or flammable gasses.

Paper cups, in particular, present a problem for recycling for two reasons: first, paper cups are treated with wax and other chemicals to make them waterproof and heat resistant making the recycling of paper cups complicated and expensive; and second, because there is such a glut of paper for recycling (the supply far outweighs the demand) industry has no incentive to make the special arrangements necessary to recycle paper cups. On the other hand, styrofoam can simply be thrown in with other plastics to make such useful items as picnic benches and insulation.

So, before the knee-jerk reaction that paper is good and plastic is bad, think about the entire process and decide which is the greater evil.

Andy Roberts

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Blood Drive Success

Phi Delta Phi would like to thank all the students staff and faculty who made the Red Cross blood drive on November 21 such a success. Seventy-five people made the effort to take the time to donate blood and a total of 63 pints was collected. Special thanks to Dean St. Germaine, Nancy Claiborne and Tom Gromme for making the logistical aspects of the drive so simple.

Those of you who donated are eligible to donate again on January 16, 1992. Those of you that did not participate are eligible to donate immediately.

Our next drive is tentatively scheduled for early March, 1992. Although we had an outstanding turnout, it still represents just over 10% of the law school population. We hope that more people will participate in our next drive.

SBA Bookstore

The SBA is now accepting textbooks for resale for second semester courses. Study aids for all course will continue to be accepted. Remember, to sell your used books, put your name and box number on one side of an envelope and the name of the book and your asking price on the other side of the envelope. Tape the envelope to the inside cover of the book and bring to the SBA office. That's all there is to it!

If you're looking for second semester books or study aids, check out the selection and prices at the SBA office before heading to the bookstore.

Scholarship and Competition Opportunities

Last month some students removed from bulletin boards several items of interest to their classmates concerning writing competitions and scholarships, and we were not able to replace copies of these announcements.

Although we will continue to post information on study abroad or brochures about other law schools' programs, to prevent further loss of information we have ceased posting the scholarship and competition opportunity announcements. Information in these two areas is now kept in a notebook in the Student Services Area. Any student reading of an item of interest in the *Docket* and wanting further information should come to the third floor receptionist and request the "Scholarship and Competition Opportunities Notebook". The notebook will not be allowed out of the Student Services area, so you should come prepared to copy information from it while in this area.

Publication Guidelines

- Items must be submitted by the 25th of each month in order to be included in the newsletter for the following month.
- Send items to Box #381, or leave them at the SBA office.
- Long items must be submitted on disk in WordPerfect format. Put your name on the disk.
- We cannot accept anonymous items however you may request anonymous publication.
- Classified ads can be placed at the rate of $3.00 for 21 words (approximately 3 lines). Ads must be prepaid.

Writing Competitions:

Ladas Memorial Award: presented annually by the Brand Names Educational Foundation to the author of the best paper on trademark law or a subject that directly relates to or affects trademarks.
Cash prize: $4,000.
Deadline: December 31, 1991.

Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest: Students may write on any aspect of family law.
Cash prizes: $700, $500, and $300.
Deadline: April 6, 1992.

Construction Law Competition:
The ABA Construction Law Forum is looking for papers on any topic relating to construction industry law.
Cash prize: $1,500 and $750.
Deadline: December 17, 1991.

Bigelow-Freed Computer Law Essay Contest: Papers will be considered on a broad range of computer law-related topics, including transactional concerns, privacy issues, social issues, and economic issues. A list of required topics can be obtained from the Scholarship and Competition Opportunities Book on the third floor.
Cash price: $1,250.
Deadline: June 1, 1992.

Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition: The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers will consider papers on any phase of Copyright Law.
Cash prize: $3,000, $2,000, $1,500, $1,000, and $500.
Deadline: June 30, 1992.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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2 RWA: Rewrite of 2nd open memo due. *Hanukkah.*	3 Make Up Day; No SCHEDULED classes.	4 LAW REVIEW: 5 pm, Rm 100-- General Meeting.	5	6 Classes End.	7 Reading Period.	8 Reading Period.
9 Reading Period.	10 Exams.	11 Exams.	12 Exams.	13 Exams. *Phase II Registration.*	14 Exams. *Phase II Registration.*	15 *Phase II Registration.*
16 Exams. *Phase II Registration.*	17 Exams. *Phase II Registration.* *FEE DEADLINE: 6:00 PM*	18 Exams.	19 Exams.	20 Exams. BLSA: 10:00 pm --End of Semester Party.	21	22
23 *Christmas Holiday: University Closed.* Library Closed.	24 *Christmas Holiday: University Closed.* Library Closed.	25 *Christmas Holiday: University Closed.* Library Closed.	26 *Christmas Holiday: University Closed.* Library Closed.	27 *Christmas Holiday: University Closed.* Library Closed.	28 Library Closed.	29 Library Closed.
30 *University Open.* Library: 7am - 11pm.	31 *University Open.* Library: 7am - 6pm.					

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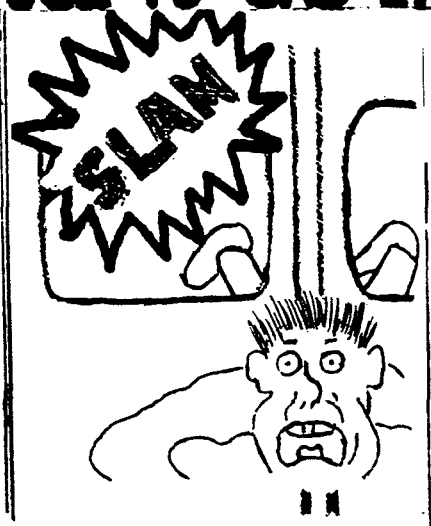

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